

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, 12-13, 16-19, 22-25, and 29 remain in this application, and claims 2-3, 6-7, 10-11, 14-15, 20-21, and 26-28 are canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The allowance of claims 4 and 8 is noted with appreciation.

Initially, in section 5 on pages 4-5 of the Office Action, independent claim 23 is newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, along with other claims, as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,527,313 to Takahashi et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,088,781 to Ono et al. Reconsideration is requested. The Takahashi et al. patent is effective as a reference in the United States as of its December 28, 2000, U.S. filing date. This December 28, 2000, U.S. filing date is after the October 11, 2000, filing date of German application 100 50 160.5, the priority of which is claimed in the present application. A certified English translation of German application 100 50 160.5 is filed together with this Reply, and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in section 5 on pages 4-5 of the Office Action is in order and is requested. Claim 23 is not rejected on other grounds and is allowable in its present form.

In section 7 on pages 6-7 of the Office Action, claim 24 is also rejected based partly on the Takahashi et al. patent. This rejection should also be withdrawn, and claim 24, which depends on claim 23, is also allowable.

Each of independent claims 1, 18, 19, and 25 is amended above to reflect that the luminous body is mounted on the basic body by way of a dovetail guide and that the luminous body is secured in a desired position on the basic body by a detent connection. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments overcome each of the rejections set forth in sections 2-3, 6, and 9-10 of the Office Action, since the documents relied on in these rejections do not suggest the limitations in claims 1, 18, 19, and 25 mentioned above. U.S. Patent 5,088,781 to Ono et al., which is referred to in sections 5, 7, 12, and 14 of the Office Action, discloses latching pawls 31 and 39 respectively receivable in recess 29 and opening 9 and ridges 33 slidably engaged with grooves 43, but ridges 33 and grooves 43 do not form a dovetail guide and, therefore, can not suggest the provision of such a dovetail guide to other structures. It is respectfully submitted that each of currently amended claims 1, 18, 19, and 25 is allowable. Claims 5, 9, 12, 13, 16, and 17, which depend on claim 1, claim 22, which depends on claim 19, and claim 29, which depends on claim 25, are allowable as well. All claims remaining in this application, therefore, are now allowable.

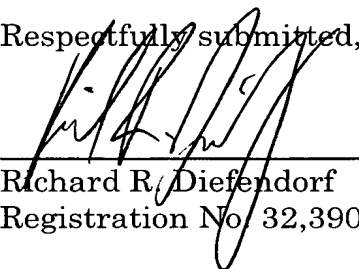
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This application is now in allowable condition. Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this Reply, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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